

## **Public Notice – Environmental Project**

### **PURPOSE OF NOTICE:**

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in Northampton County, Virginia.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

March 5, 2013 to March 19, 2013

### **TYPE OF RESPONSE:**

Federal Consistency

DEQ is reviewing a proposed federal financial assistance action to determine if it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

### **NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:**

DOC/National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) proposes to conduct migratory bird habitat enhancements for the GATR Tract at the Mockhorn Wildlife Management Area in Northampton County. The project includes the restoration of wildlife habitat utilizing forestry practices, invasive species control, and the removal of an abandoned cinderblock building and asphalt parking lot. Specifically, enhancement will be achieved through targeted timber harvests; plantings of fruit-producing shrubs, native grasses, forbs, flowering plants, and hardwood seedlings; mulching of logging debris and mid-story woody vegetation; creating walking trails/fire breaks; and the use of prescribed fire. Upon removal of the building and parking lot, the site will be planted with hardwood seedlings and shrubs. DGIF has submitted an application for federal financial assistance to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. DGIF finds the proposed project consistent with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

### **HOW TO COMMENT:**

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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